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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 629-01
Bill No.: HB 100
Subject: Secretary of State: Elections
Type: Original
Date: January 26, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State** stated that there would be no fiscal impact to their office.

The **Cole County Clerk** stated there would be some insignificant administrative impact.

The **St. Charles County Clerk** assumes this proposal would create some additional cost. Officials estimate the cost for FY 2002 at \$1,600; \$800 in FY 2003; and \$2800 in FY 2004.

Officials of the **Kansas City Board of Elections** estimate the cost of “early voting” at \$20,000 in a major election for additional staff and overtime. Officials assume there could be some modest savings due to a reduction of voters on election day, however officials assume this would be difficult to anticipate.

Officials of the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume “early voting” would cost the county additional money for workers, overtime pay, postage, etc.. Officials estimated that additional costs for a 4 year election cycle would be \$2,745,511.

Officials of the **Cape Girardeau County Clerk’s** office stated that early voting would require his office to hire 6 additional deputies and would require additional space. Officials estimate additional costs at \$6,000.

Oversight assumes that establishing an early voting program is not mandated by this proposal. Local election authorities would have the option of establishing an early voting period, therefore, Oversight will show fiscal impact as \$0.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2002
(10 Mo.)

FY 2003

FY 2004

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill allows absentee voting for any reason up to 5 days before an election. The bill also allows absentee voting for defined overseas voters for federal and statewide office and statewide ballot issues, but not state representatives and senators. Additionally, the bill gives election authorities the option of offering early voting from 20 days to 5 days before an election and requires the election authorities to establish and post the early voting hours and places.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Secretary of State
Kansas City Election Board
St.Louis County Board of Election Commission
Cole County Clerk
St.Charles County Clerk
Cape Girardeau County Clerk



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